



City Administrator's Report

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Dear Reader,

This monthly report summarizes and provides updates on major activities, events, projects, and programs that impact the Santa Barbara community. Feel free to give us your comments and suggestions.

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Key Meetings:

July 1, 15, 22, 29 Council Meetings

Flags on State Street:

July 1 - 8	Independence Day, observed July 4 th (American Flags)
July 8 - 22	Santa Barbara Museum of Art
July 22 - August 5	City Flag/Fiesta

Concerts in the Park at Chase Palm Park, 6 - 8:30 p.m.:

July 3	The Waybacks - Acoustic Mayhem
July 10	Captain Cardiac and the Coronaries - Oldies But Goodies
July 17	Nate Birkey Quintet - Jazz
July 24	The Ronnie Gutierrez Band - Latin

Community Events:

July 1 - 13	Semana Nautica - www.semananautica.com
July 12, 13	Santa Barbara French Festival - Oak Park, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
July 13	Santa Barbara Hemp Festival - De la Guerra Plaza, 12 - 8 p.m.
July 26, 27	Santa Barbara Greek Festival - Oak Park, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
July 30 - August 3	Old Spanish Days: Fiesta Mercados - De la Guerra Plaza and Mackenzie Park
August 1	Fiesta Historical Parade - Cabrillo Blvd. to Micheltorena Street, noon.

City Administrator

Councilmember Folayemi resumes duties

Councilmember Babatunde Folayemi is back in action at City Hall after a four-month medical leave for cancer treatment. His enthusiastic July 1st return was the subject of a front-page article in the *Santa Barbara News-Press*.

HazMat drills R us

The department played a major role in a County-wide Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Hazardous Materials drill. The successful drill allowed for testing CAMEO, a software program that determines evacuation routes based on current and projected weather conditions during a hazmat emergency and emergency communications.

City Attorney Wallace to retire

After 14 years of service, City Attorney Dan Wallace has announced plans to retire this year. Date is pending.

Employees chime in to ease City budget crunch

More than 90 cost-cutting suggestions have come in from employees responding to the City Administrator's request for ideas. All were reviewed by an in-house committee, the City Administrator, and department heads; and most are being implemented. Additional suggestions made directly to departments are being handled by department heads.

Bittersweet: California misses budget deadline

A San Francisco chocolate company has introduced a candy bar called "Budget Crunch." Reportedly, California legislators have not met the Constitutional deadline to adopt a budget since 1986. Santa Barbara City and County anticipate further economic fallout now that the State is operating without a budget. Potential impact on the local budget remains uncertain.

Hey, watch it! City-TV, Channel 18

For full program schedule, visit www.citytv18.com

"Inside Santa Barbara" new episode premieres July 9 at 6:30 p.m.: New non-stop flights to Seattle and Portland; Bohnett Park restoration project groundbreaking; MADD/Santa Barbara Police Department DUI education; Santa Barbara Zoo 40th Anniversary; Domoic Acid effects on local marine mammals. Weekly airtimes: Mon., 8 p.m. Tues., 5 p.m.; Wed., 6:30 p.m.; Sat., 9 p.m.; Sun., 10:30 p.m.

"Caring for our Creeks" premieres July 16 at 5 p.m.: Positive steps the Creeks Program has taken in the first two years in education, habitat restoration, and water quality for local watersheds. Airtimes: July 18 at 11 a.m.; July 20 and 27 at 10 p.m.; July 22 and 29 at 8:30 a.m.; July 25 at 11 a.m.; July 30 at 4:30 p.m.

Airport Department**Runway Safety Area cleared for take-off – after 23 years**

A milestone, at last! The Airport's Runway Safety Area (RSA) project first proposed in 1980 received Planning Commission approval on June 19 for a Coastal Development Permit. Existing safety areas located at each end of the main runway do not meet current FAA standards. Major obstacles would be presented in the event of an aircraft emergency, since creeks are located within several hundred feet of the runway ends. Safety areas don't increase runway length but provide a smooth, compacted dirt area for emergency landings and takeoffs. The RSA project will construct current-standard safety areas and relocate the creeks. Next step is a Coastal Commission hearing for approval of a State Coastal Development Permit. Fasten your seatbelts.

Security training

Security Identification Display Area (SIDA) training is provided by the Airport in accordance with federal regulations. An updated SIDA training program developed by Airport Patrol staff was implemented last month. Security ID badges allowing access to restricted airfield and airline terminal areas are issued to those who pass the SIDA training, and complete successful background checks and fingerprinting.

Community Development Department**Sprucing up affordable housing**

The City Council unanimously approved revisions to the policies and procedures on June 24 for the city's affordable housing programs. The previous revision was in 1996. The biggest change is to the city's Density Bonus Program – making it more attractive to developers, thereby stimulating construction of affordable housing units that don't require city subsidies. For more info: Steven Faulstich, 564-5461.

Planning Commission July agenda

July 10 – Housing Element: Planning Commission expects to complete most of its preliminary review. Staff will then return with a complete Draft Housing Element in early Aug. for City Council review and recommendation.

July 17 – Penfield & Smith is proposing a new building on E. Victoria Street, demolishing part of their existing facilities to create a 17,075-square foot office building. Also, the Sandman Inn on upper State Street will hold a concept discussion with the Planning Commission. The proposal is to demolish the existing hotel and rebuild it on part of the lot with no added rooms. Remainder of the lot would be developed with 64 condominium units, including 11 affordable units.

July 24 – Planning staff will report on the status of Measure E to the Planning Commission, plus all 2002 projects and a 2003 six-month update. Also, staff will present an Inclusionary Housing Program proposal calling for larger projects to include a percentage of affordable units. For info: John Ledbetter, 564-5470.

Carrillo Hotel making a comeback

July 1 groundbreaking ceremonies marked the start of 15 months of construction on the Carrillo Hotel at the corner of Chapala and Carrillo Streets. Detour plans and signage will advise drivers to avoid northbound Chapala's closed traffic lanes near the site.

Finance Department**Council approves FY 2004 budget**

After eight-plus months of staff effort, two months of City Council sessions, and 20 public meetings, City Council adopted a fiscal year 2004 operating and capital budget on June 24. The City's fiscal year starts July 1.

Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT)

The table shows May TOT received in June is down 4.6% from the prior fiscal year. One more month of revenue (June) will accrue to the current year. Our revised year-end estimate projected that we would end the current fiscal year 1.4% above the prior year. We are now slightly behind this estimate; up 1.1% year-to-date.

	FY 2001	Change from Prior Year	FY 2002	Change From Prior Year	FY 2003	Change From Prior Year
July	\$ 1,204,593	11.3%	\$ 1,171,041	-2.8%	\$ 1,183,951	1.1%
Aug	1,246,973	7.9%	1,276,212	2.3%	1,328,278	4.1%
Sept	952,314	14.1%	808,657	-15.1%	849,174	5.0%
Oct	839,946	3.7%	790,919	-5.8%	830,054	4.9%
Nov	691,398	13.2%	653,829	-5.4%	684,776	4.7%
Dec	594,145	16.2%	539,598	-9.2%	529,694	-1.8%
Jan	578,703	9.4%	511,090	-11.7%	583,413	14.2%
Feb	628,764	9.4%	611,322	-2.8%	616,824	0.9%
Mar	769,047	5.6%	783,829	1.9%	704,942	-10.1%
April	810,450	0.8%	822,209	1.5%	793,352	-3.5%
May	841,975	3.3%	856,251	1.7%	816,644	-4.6%
YTD total	\$ 9,158,308	8.3%	\$ 8,824,957	-3.6%	\$ 8,921,102	1.1%

Sales tax

Good news. Sales tax numbers for the quarter ended March 31, 2003 are in and we are up 2.6% from the same quarter of the prior year. The table recaps our quarterly sales tax results for the first three quarters of the current fiscal year, and the previous two fiscal years.

Quarter	Fiscal Year 2001	Change from Prior Year	Fiscal Year 2002	Change from Prior Year	Fiscal Year 2003	Change from Prior Year
Jul - Sept	\$ 4,578,612	9.1%	\$ 4,407,462	-3.7%	\$ 4,556,500	3.4%
Oct - Dec	4,656,055	2.7%	4,646,788	-0.2%	4,548,826	-2.1%
Jan - Mar	4,018,983	-0.5%	3,915,141	-2.6%	4,016,831	2.6%
YTD Totals	\$ 13,255,651		\$ 12,971,393	-2.1%	\$ 13,124,160	1.2%

We also received the first advance payment from the State for the quarter ending June 30, 2003, enabling us to calculate our FY 2003 year-end actual; barring any changes by the State. On that basis, we will exceed our year-end estimate with a 2.2% growth rate and be right in line with our \$17,567,300 budget. .

	Fiscal Year 2001	Change from Prior Year	Fiscal Year 2002	Change from Prior Year	Fiscal Year 2003	Change from Prior Year
FY Totals	\$17,956,976	5.4%	\$17,216,054	-4.1%	\$17,595,369	2.2%

Fire Department**Yes!**

The Department has finalized agreements to implement the following initiatives:

- Co-location of U.S. Forest Service Engine #46 at City Fire Station #7
- Continuing education program with Santa Barbara City College for 12 curriculum classes
- Utilization and maintenance agreement with Allan Hancock College
- Automatic Aid agreement with Carpinteria-Summerland Fire District, enhancing the South Coast seamless response model

Library Department

Protecting kids from Cyber-sleaze

Whether Santa Barbara will be affected by a June 23 U.S. Supreme Court ruling on the legalities of the Children's Internet Protection Act is yet to be determined. The ruling allows the federal government to require public libraries receiving federal funding to install Internet filtering software on all Internet terminals. The question is whether federal dollars Santa Barbara receives for phone and linked catalogs qualify under the ruling. Santa Barbara Public Library currently uses Cybersitter filtering software on all terminals in children's reading areas at all branches, but does not have filtering software on terminals in adult reading areas or on staff machines.

Library joins Educator's Roundtable

The Santa Barbara Public Library System is now a member of the Educator's Roundtable, a south coast organization made up largely of museums and non-profits with educational resources. Membership offers numerous opportunities to partner with local organizations and agencies for sharing information and expertise.

Friends indeed

Friends of the Santa Barbara Library recently donated \$10,000 to the Central Library for purchasing of books, books on CD, and music CDs to add to the collection. Friends also gave \$5,000 to the library's "Santa Barbara Reads" program, which encourages members of the community to read the same book and participate in discussions - live or online. This year's program runs September 20 to November 1, with the selected book announced in July.

Parks and Recreation Department

Local teens get clicking

The Teen Programs section of the Parks and Recreation Department recently redesigned their Web pages for a more contemporary edge – with links to Summer Late Nights, Youth Council, the ADAP program, the Alley after-school programs, and Skater's Point. Intern Juan Minera from SBCC's Multimedia Program created the updated look. See it at www.sbparksandrecreation.com/teens

City helps light up the skies on July 4th

Santa Barbara is sponsoring this year's annual fireworks display at 9 p.m. off of West Beach. Prior to the fireworks, vendors will be selling food and crafts along Cabrillo Blvd. west of Stearns Wharf starting at 10 a.m. Also, SPARKLE will hold a beach party featuring dessert, drinks, and seats on the sand from 7-10 p.m. at West Beach. Tickets are \$12 and children under five are free when accompanied by an adult. With many streets closed, people are advised to walk and take advantage of the Wharf Woody, Waterfront Shuttle, and MTD Bus services available day and evening. Personal fireworks, alcohol, glass, pit digging, open fires, and parking adjacent to railroad tracks are prohibited. More information is on the city's web site: www.ci.santa-barbara.ca.us

66th Annual Semana Nautica

Two weeks of summer sports fun began on June 28 with the 66th Annual Semana Nautica. Events include sailing, running, swimming, volleyball, water polo, basketball, softball, kayaking, spear fishing, and mountain biking. Parks and Recreation organizes the three-mile ocean swim and five-mile biathlon. Rich Hanna, assistant supervisor of the city's aquatic programs, is on the executive board as vice president of events. The three-mile ocean swim was held on June 29 and the more challenging biathlon (four-mile beach run/one-mile swim) is scheduled for July 13 at 9 a.m. at East Beach. For more info: 897-2680.

Top this! 500 street trees planted

The Parks and Recreation Department has set a new, one-year record by planting 500 trees along city streets. The cooperative program with Santa Barbara Beautiful spans July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003. Santa Barbara Beautiful purchased the trees and funded a grant to pay a temporary worker to assist city staff with planting. A typical one-year planting is 300 trees. The street tree planting program continues this Fall with the goal of 300 trees next year.

Fewer toxins for pest management

With the goal of reducing or eliminating toxic pesticides, City Council on June 17 adopted a resolution establishing an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) policy for all city departments. IPM favors long-term prevention or suppression of pest problems with minimal impact on human health, the environment, and non-target organisms, through alternatives like biological controls, traps, and mechanical means. Representatives from Public Works, Waterfront, Airport, and Parks and Recreation will meet to develop an implementation strategy for submittal to City Council by December 30, 2003.

The IPM strategy will include public notification policy, an acceptable materials list, record keeping, training, program review and coordination, public information, and contractor requirements.

Each year, departments will prepare an annual report to City Council on pest problems encountered, treatment methods and materials used, and documentation of reductions and products eliminated.

Combatting teen drugs and alcohol

Teen Programs received a \$50,000 Alcohol and Drug Prevention Grant from the County of Santa Barbara. This second phase grant extends the mile radius survey of teens' access to alcohol, and will include recommendations from the Youth Coalition to help reduce alcohol and drug abuse by local teens.

Police Department**D.A.R.E. graduation**

The Santa Barbara Police Department sponsored the June 4 graduation of 360 students from six schools for the Spring Semester of D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education). The Santa Barbara High School Jazz Band performed, and Officer Scott Naganuma created and presented a slide show set to music with photos of this semester's D.A.R.E. students.

Internet shoppers beware

The Police Department is advising consumers who use the Internet for commerce to proceed with caution. An out-of-town woman, using E-Bay for the first time, sold a \$12,000 ring to a buyer claiming to live in Santa Barbara. She sent him the ring via UPS and C.O.D. The buyer used a random address and retrieved the package, giving the UPS driver a counterfeit cashier's check. The seller found out two weeks later that the check was no good, and she was out her \$12,000 ring. The Police Department receives similar reports weekly of these types of scams, but not for this significant amount. Suspects can only be tracked by e-mail addresses that typically are routed through foreign countries -- a trail that usually leads nowhere.

K-9 and partner strike gold

Officer Tom Rauch and his K-9 partner Wiley, won a gold medal in a building-search to locate drugs, during the Police and Fire Olympic Summer Games in Sacramento. The duo beat out 32 other K-9 teams from all over California, paws down.

Public Works Department**Walk this way**

The first public workshop to gather community input for the Pedestrian Master Plan is set for July 8, in the Main Library's Faulkner Gallery, 7-9 p.m. For info: Dru van Hengel, 564-5544.

On a bicycle built for...you

Bicycle lockers arrive the week of July 7 to house the city's new fleet bicycles. Bikes are already in use at Downtown Parking. Bicycles will also be delivered this month to City Hall, Parks and Recreation, and Public Works. If you are interested in bicycle safety instruction, contact Mobility Coordinator Dru van Hengel, 564-5544. Participants receive a coupon for a new bicycle helmet.

Safer school routes

Staff recently applied for a Safe Routes to School grant to improve pedestrian access to Santa Barbara Junior High School and Santa Barbara High School. A bicycle and pedestrian friendly corridor is proposed for Alta Vista and Quarantina Streets. Info: Mobility Coordinator Dru van Hengel, 564-5544.

Rebates for commercial water conservation

The city, in partnership with the Santa Barbara County Water Agency and other local water agencies received \$268,600 from the 2003 Proposition 13 Urban Water Conservation Program. The grant will fund the Santa Barbara County Commercial, Industrial and Institutional (CII) Rebate Program for ultra low-flush toilets, waterless urinals, and clothes washers in commercial businesses.

Waterfront Department**Go fish**

Warming ocean waters and avid fishermen have produced some notable early-summer catches on Stearns Wharf. Mid-June saw a 78-pound thresher shark, a 23-pound angel shark, and a 14-pound spider crab.

East Beach seafloor cleanup

The Debris Removal Project east of Stearns Wharf has concluded successfully. Debris that posed a navigation hazard was removed from the ocean floor. Associated Pacific Constructors removed 81 hazards including several abandoned, floating or partially submerged buoys and their ground tackle, concrete pipe, mooring balls and chains, anchors, wire, a boat hull, and boat wreckage. Final contract cost was \$103,000, of which 90% will be reimbursed by the California Department of Boating and Waterways. Staff continues work on the related East Beach Mooring Permit Project. For implementation next year, the plan calls for the Waterfront Department to charge a nominal fee for administration and oversight of permitted moorings in the East Beach Anchorage.

Races and regattas

Upcoming highlights:

Star Lipton Regatta, July 26-27. Olympic-class boats some 22-feet long, slice through a course about a mile off the breakwater. The prize is a prestigious trophy donated by tea magnate Sir Thomas Lipton. Some 10-20 boats will compete.

Santa Barbara to King Harbor Race, August 1. A "biggie." An estimated 125 boats compete in this annual 81-mile race that departs Santa Barbara, rounds Anacapa Island's west end, and finishes at King Harbor, Redondo Beach.

Ventura Cup, September 20-21. For 30 years, yacht clubs from Channel Islands to Santa Barbara have dueled it out in this event. Some 8-11 clubs compete in a range of classes, with team scores counting toward the coveted trophy. Santa Barbara Yacht Club won the Ventura Cup in 2002 and is looking to repeat!

Administrative Services

Current Job Openings

Open Recruitments

Office Specialist II	Continuous
Senior Office Specialist	Continuous
Senior Library Technician	Open Until Filled
Senior Accountant	Closes 7/25/03

*More jobs may open after this report is published. Please check the Intranet.